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A 1980's glamor rock + roll band named  
Pisces had a hit song called "Something  
to Believe in" The song, sung to 1000's  
of waving lit cigarette<sup>lit</sup> liters, whines  
in its verses about a fallen church a  
fallen nation a fallen friend and a falling  
life. But I found the lyrics interesting.  
Give me something to believe in, if there's a lord  
above, Give me something to believe in, Oh  
lord arise." This song is a testimony to  
vs 9. Man is enlightened to the fact that  
he must believe in something. But because  
of his pride and love for sin, he naturally

opposed to believing on Christ. He  
goes contrary to their nature and desires  
Never the less, there are some, who, <sup>as</sup> become  
convinced of the person and work of Jesus  
Christ, and turn from their own thinking  
to trust and believe upon Christ as their  
Saviour. It is a necessity that every  
person come to the belief in Christ, the  
trust in his sacrifice for their sin on cross  
before the face the Judgment of God upon  
their own sins. Please notice 3 truths in text

### I. Rejection of The Sovereign Light

This Light from Heaven sent to this earth  
which (vs) darkness could not overpower was  
rejected. My 3 yr old grandson is afraid of dark but as

we grow older, darkness becomes our preferred environment

A. He is Rejected as Maker (Vs 10) - The Bible teaches that Christ Jesus has an active role in the creation of the universe 1st Jn 1:3. Ep 3:9; Col 1:16; He 1:2. Jesus the light of the world is the Maker of Heaven & Earth. And yet when this author of Creation enters the human domain of existence on earth he is rejected. They knew him not. They did not love, approve, or appreciate Him. When I lived in Atlanta I worked for a German company. One week we got word that one of the company founders was coming <sup>But not</sup> for a visit. Ship Shape.

B. He is Rejected as Messiah (Vs 11) - If anyone is to find a place of welcome, a place of acceptance it is with their own people, their own family their own home. But what do we find for Christ rejection from the Jews as well. These were the people that knew God; who had been given knowledge of God and how to fellowship with Him. But these were a people that <sup>so</sup> feel in love with their own traditions and rituals and rules that when God came to them they delivered Him up to be crucified. Apply: Light has come... Do you reject

## II. The Reception of the Saving Lord -

Vs 12. Not all have rejected Him. Not all have utterly cast him aside. Thank God there is a provision for those that have



John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Ephesians 3:9 ...in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Hebrews 1:1-2 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

...but not so for Christ. This world that was tenderly fashioned by his omnipotent hands ~~was~~ took those hand and nailed him to a cross. Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men...

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew Henry To receive Christ is to "...receive his doctrine as true and good; receive his law as just and holy; receive his offers as kind and advantageous;" "...we must receive the image of his grace, and impressions of his love, as the governing principle of our affections and actions.

...the rights and privileges of a child of God, empowered by the Spirit of God, walking in the newness of life. 1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God... him not.

How is that possible?

considering his mighty words and miracle deeds...

A. The Procedure of Reception vs 12 - This verse gives us the proper treatment that this light should have received from the whole world. The proper procedure of receiving such a one as Christ is to believe on his name. His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God... He is Saviour, Master, Redeemer, Lord. He is King of Kings & Lord of Lords... Upon this belief we must receive him, to half hold of Him as our own as the Gift of God Rom 6:23. As M.H. put it... I leave these first 4 words of vs 12. This procedure is for anyone. As many as will

B. The Position of Reception (vs 12) - Upon our belief and trust in Christ Jesus, text says we are given "the power..." We are brought in to the family of God. The word power here indicates right, authority, privilege. We become adopted into God's family. Once in our unbelief and rebellion toward God we were children of wrath & disobedience, fulfilling the lusts of our flesh in direct disobedience of God's law ~~bringing~~ <sup>and</sup> no hope, destined for eternal wrath. But now through faith and trust in Christ we are heirs joint heirs w/ Christ with all the rights & privileges

III. The Regeneration of the Sinful vs 13 Read 13. So not only do we become adopted Sons of God, but we are born as well. This is a direct reference to the new birth. Hear



Someone say they were born again? This is regenerating

A. Not by Lineage - Not by Blood "Our own blood can not birth us into the family. That's our whole problem, we have tainted blood. It tainted by the sin of Adam Rom 5:12 Where?"

Our blood is sinful blood that can not connect us to God. Some say "There is good in man." <sup>Rom 3:</sup> Better to Core

B. Not by Labor - <sup>cl</sup> There is only particular way in which the world thinks it can connect its self to God it is through works. They think they can work their way into God's family. Rom 3:20. Not by good works, it

3:5 Eph 2:89. No matter how my prayer, candles <sup>Hospitals & phrases</sup>

C. Not by Longing - "The will or the desire of man." I remember an old gospel song <sup>that</sup>

said, Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die. So True! God has place eternally in our heart, but no matter how hard we think happy thoughts, think pos, we can not be <sup>the sons of God</sup>

D. But by the Lord - How do we become the sons & daughters of God? Vs 12 says believe and receive. Believe what? How is it possible for belief alone to connect us to God, We must believe <sup>in</sup> the death of Christ as the sufficient payment of our sins <sup>as God's stamp of it</sup> and resurrection

IV Closing - God has given us something we believe in. He lighteth every man! Christ crucified, buried, resurrected, The Good news of the Gospel, Will you repent & believe?

Romans 3:10 ... There is none righteous, no, not one:

Galatians 3:10...Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.